



# SPIRIT-DIRECTED EDUCATION

## Benefits of the Holy Spirit

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The Bible presents the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity. Through the process of redemption, the Holy Spirit comes to abide on the inside of every believer. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers believers to fulfill God's plan for their life.

There are several benefits to the release of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christian young people, and believers in general. Consider the following:

The Holy Spirit:

## 1. Causes ability to flow (Phil. 4:13)

Getting God's creative ability to flow (Gal. 5:22-25). "Artistic ability is a Divine gift, a very precious gift, best employed in God's direct service, and always to be employed in subordination to His will, as an improving, elevating, and refining—not as a corrupting—influence." (Bible Hub) Being created in God's image means that He has given us creative ability. Ted Esler in his article, "Three Qualities of God's Creativity" put it this way, "We, His creatures, love to create. We paint, build, draw, sew, design, mold, form, write, and so many other things – often for no more reason than enjoying the act of doing it. There is creativity in thought, culture, art and literature, work, economics, and in all other areas of life."

## 2. Quickens our understanding (1 Cor. 2:9-16; Isa. 11:2).

Rather, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of man except his own spirit within him? So too, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. And this is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but he himself is not subject to anyone's judgment. For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ."

## 3. Offers New Patterns of Thinking and Acting. (1 Cor. 5:17);

Causing old things to pass away and all things to become new old patterns of learning that have resulted in a lack of success. [Cherita Richards, accounting teacher had been teaching for 30 minutes on a concept and the students were not understanding the concepts, even after she approached it from several different ways. She had the student close their books, close their eyes and prayer, asking God to open their eyes of understanding. She prayed for a new teaching strategy. After she said "Amen", the student opened their books and her mind began to pick up things in her spirit. New fresh ideas become to flow, and in a matter of 10 minutes, all the students had learned the new accounting concept. And it was fun!

## 4. Works His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

What is God's working in students? He is thinking in them, illuminating their spirits, illuminating their minds, and renewing their minds so they can become responsive to His indwelling presence. He is a) thinking in us, b) illuminating our spirits, c) illuminating our minds, d) renewing our minds so that they become responsive to His indwelling

presence, and e) His creative ability is present to bring witty inventions and startling discoveries.

5. [Facilitates teaching and making learning happen \(1 John 2:20-27\).](#)

Margret Churchill who was teaching 1<sup>st</sup> graders came into my office, having been in the classroom teaching math. I just can't explain it; I've been teaching math now for 45 minutes. All professional knowledge says I should have no longer than a 30-minute lesson. But the students are soaking up everything thing; what should I do? Keep on teaching until your spirit says to stop. Later that day, she came to the office and said, "After 30 years of teaching, I finally know what it is to teach under that anointing. I taught those first grades for 90 minutes and they were with me all the way and everyone in the classroom learned the concepts.

6. [Transmits the wisdom of God \(1 Cor. 1:30\).](#)

What does this wisdom do? It allows them to apply knowledge. It is the wisdom contained in the Word, and God has made His Word available to us. When we appropriate His Word for our life, then we gain the wisdom of God. So in order to obtain this wisdom, a person must be reborn of God, and then they must have the infilling of the Spirit of God within them because it is the Spirit of God that reveals the wisdom of God. Students are doing to be limited unless they are filled with the Spirit of God in His fullness. It is the Spirit of God that will reveal to the students the things of God. It will be the Holy Spirit that will provide insight into understanding.

7. [Receives thoughts of God \(Col. 2:3; 1 Cor. 2:10\).](#)

Students come to understand that they were endowed by God to express thoughts as well as to receive thoughts from others. Defective communication is a result of the curse and is the source of misunderstanding, disruption, and deceit (Bryne). No one can know the thoughts of God except by the Spirit of God. God's Spirit can only communicate with the recreated spirit and the recreated spirit is the only thing that can understand them. They might not make sense to the mind [dropping a 4-year scholarship to a major university only to go to a Bible college and have to pay your own way.]. The recreated spirit is on the same wave link as the Spirit of God. Students need to be taught how to tune in, just like you tune in a radio.

8. [Reveals hidden secrets \(Col. 1:27\).](#)

These include the truth behind math, systems, and processes in the realm of the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and communication. Secrets that have been hidden through the ages can be unveiled by the Spirit of God speaking to the recreated spirit.

9. [Teaches all things \(John 14:26\).](#)

What are some of the things taught? Everything from mechanics, math, and manners to the millennium. Roy Zuck in his article, *The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Teaching*, writes, "the Spirit of God, who lives in each believer is his private tutor." P 35

10. [Guides into all truth \(John 16:13\).](#)

What is the truth or reality? It is the reality of all that surrounds them; the World (His creation) in which they walk, live and move and have their being. The Holy Spirit within wants to guide us so that we do not have to depend on outside forces. Joyce Myers says, "If we will listen to the Holy Spirit by following our heart instead of listening to the enemy Satan, or following our head or our feelings, the Holy Spirit will reveal God's will for us in every situation." "Filled with the Spirit" p.33.(2001)

11. Leads us. (Rom. 8:14).

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." (NIV) He guides us supernaturally, leading us out of temptation. If you start to do something ungodly, be prepared to hear His voice.

12. Does abundant things (Eph. 5:10).

What is this abundance? It includes success in every area of life above and beyond what they think is possible.

13. Restores joy (Ps. 51:12; Rom. 14:17).

This includes the joy of learning.

14. Convicts of righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

"And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (NKJV) Christian educators can depend on the Holy Spirit fulfilling this role. He is living on the inside of every Christian young person who provides the temple for the Holy Spirit to dwell in. We must not usurp this role. Let the Holy Spirit do the work in the lives of your students. All you need to do is to confirm this convicting presence and to help them realize that the source of condemnation, depression, blame and shame is the devil. depressed, guilty or ashamed. Simply lead them to repentance, forgiveness and restoration.

15. Brings discernment (Isaiah 11:2-3).

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

16. Helps overcome reproach (1 Peter 4:14, Col. 1:22).

When students are insulted for living a Christ-like life or they experience shame and guilt, the Holy Spirit is there to bring comfort and to reassure students that they can live above the circumstances and situations. They can live above regret, despair, and failure. You can help them see that they are a child of God, approved, accepted, valuable and the apple of God's eye.

17. Reinforces freedom from bondage (Rom. 8:5).

"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." (NIV) The devil cannot make us sin. We have been set free. Sinning is our choice. Christ has broken the chains. We have been set free. We have the power to make the right choices.

18. Gives grace to succeed (2 Cor. 1:12).

"Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace."

19. Resides in us as the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16, 17).

One day the gate money from the athletic office was missing. It has been placed in a bag under the athletic director's desk, rather than in the safe. We narrowed they possible suspects to one student who served as a student aide. I brought him into my office and began to question him about the missing money. After questioning and probing with no confession asked point blank, "Did you take the money from under the Athletic Director's desk?" His response was "No, Sir." As soon as he said these words, the still small voice of my recreated spirit said, "He's lying. He took it." Since I only had circumstantial and no hard evidence, it was his word against what I had

heard in my spirit. His father was a very successful real-estate broker and I knew that it would be a battle if I continued to confront him. I let it go. Four years later I get a call from this young man. "Dr. Demuth, I just wanted to let you know that I took the money." I had almost forgotten what he was talking about until my spirit reminded me. He went on to tell me how he was convicted of lying. He didn't want to get kicked out of school. He said that he had repented and now is at a major university and has been placed in charge of the university's athletic fund.

20. Confirms our position in Christ (Rom. 8:9, 16, 17).

*"You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you." "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." (NIV)*

21. Quickens our mortal body (Rom. 8:10-11).

"But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit gives you life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who dwells within you."

22. Purges our conscience (mind) from dead works (Heb. 9:14).

"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"

23. Creates through us (Gen. 1:2).

This is one of the reasons why our art department has had a history of success in state, regional and national competitions.

24. Speaks through us (Acts 28:25-26).

"They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: 'The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet: 'Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.'"

25. Provides the foundation for holiness (Rom. 1:4).

"And who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." It is the role of the Holy Spirit to bring the Holiness of God to those who seek God. Without holiness, no man shall see God (Heb. 12:14). A. W. Tozer expands on the role of the Holy Spirit and Holiness when he wrote: "God is holy with an absolute holiness that knows no degrees, and this He cannot impart to His creatures. But there is a relative and contingent holiness which He shares with angels and seraphim in heaven and with redeemed men on earth as their preparation for heaven. This holiness God does impart to His children. He shares it with them by imputation, and by impartation, and because He has made it available to them through the blood of the Lamb, He requires it of them. . . 'Be ye holy, for I am holy. He did not say, 'Be ye as holy as I am holy,' for that would be to demand of us absolute holiness, something that belongs to God alone" (Knowledge of the Holy, p. 113). It is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit living on the inside that causes God's Holiness to be evident on the outside.

26. Provides comfort (Acts 9:31).

"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit,

were multiplied" (NKJV). The Holy Spirit is the "Comforter" ( ). Everyone is seeking to dress in comfortable clothing, walk in comfortable shoes, and even sleep in comfort (e.g. Comfort Suites). Christian educators and their students may be facing a lot of stressful and troubling situations; it is during these times that the Holy Spirit's comfort gives us confidence that we will pass through, around or over the cares of this world. This confidence comes in knowing that the Holy Spirit is there – "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame scorch you" (Isaiah 43:2 NKJV).

#### 27. Remains always present (Ps. 139:7-13).

David reminds us that God is present everywhere, and there was no place in the universe that His presence did not exist. Regardless of where students are, God is there. They cannot escape God's Spirit. Acknowledge the presence of God—not just in Bible classes, chapels, prayer time, or during praise and worship. When someone is sinning, God is there. If a student is doing something contrary to your classroom code of conduct, God is there. Teach your students to understand that they cannot hide from God. He is in every classroom, hallway, and every office or in places where they might hide. If God was seated in one of your student desks or your chair, would He be noticed? Sometimes, placing an empty chair in a corner of the classroom is a good reminder to students that God is there—not seen, but present nonetheless.

#### 28. Helps our infirmities (Rom. 8:26).

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to help us in our weaknesses and to help us pray when we just can't. Regardless of what one is going through, the Holy Spirit is there to help, whatever the case – grief, sorrow, pain, distress, bitterness all of which may open the door to sickness. The Holy Spirit helps us overcome these by through encouragement, trust and faith in the Power of God

#### 29. Brings victory (Rom. 8:37)

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (NIV). There is no bad habit, though, or feeling that can not be overcome. The same is true for lying, cheating, hate and prejudice.

#### 30. Helps us become born again (John 3:5; 6:44,65).

It is the Holy Spirit that draws people to God. Know that the Holy Spirit is working on Johnny and Susie to give their hearts to the Lord as recorded in Ezekiel 36:26.

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

#### 31. Sanctifies us (Rom. 15:15-16).

It is the role of the Holy Spirit to bring sanctification. We know that the Holy Spirit is constantly speaking to us and our students to live a holy life, free of sin and lusts. As the heart is open to receive the prompting of the Holy Spirit and a decision is made to obey these Holy Spirit promptings, God's grace is released, and we can function properly as God intended, free of sin. "No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God" (1 John 3:9)

#### 32. Bears witness of salvation (Rom. 8:15-16).

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." This is the assurance every believer has. Your students need to know that regardless of the sin that may have crept into their lives, they still are a child of God; they may just not be acting like it. The witness that the Holy Spirit gives is to the recreated-spirit that takes place when salvation is received. Students can be led to acknowledge this witness as they pray saying, "Abba, Father" (Gal. 4:6 and Luke 12:2). As students learn to call God, "Father" the Holy Spirit is there to confirm the fact that they are

His children.

33. Never gives up on us (Rom. 8:38-39).

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)*

34. Tells us of our rebellion (Is. 63:10).

"But they rebelled, and grieved his holy Spirit: therefore he turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them." Rebellion is nothing more than going against the authority that a person is under, whether this authority is parents, pastor or the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is there to point this out and to provide direction and power to be delivered from rebellion. It may require us to deal with the flesh and its desires, impulses, lusts, passions or self-centeredness. Dealing with rebellion can be accomplished by taking every thought captive and submitting it to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

35. Empowers us (Acts 1:8).

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

36. Gives discernment (I Cor. 2:10).

"These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."

37. Fosters fruit into our life (Gal. 5:22-23).

" But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no Law."

38. Encourages us to exercise power over rulers of darkness (Eph. 6:12).

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

39. Gives us the gifts of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:8-10).

"To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in various tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues."

40. Knows what is best (Acts 13:2).

The Holy Spirit knows what is best. "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (NIV) As time is spent in prayer, the Holy Spirit provides direction for ministry. There is a specific "work" or ministry that God before planned for each student.

41. Restricts action (Acts 20:22).

"And now, behold, I go bound in the Spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me." When others try to stop you from moving forward, the Holy Spirit confirms direction. Even Jesus felt the moving of the Spirit; He said, "And He needs must go through Samaria (John 4:4). When we say, "I don't want to," the Holy Spirit says, "You must."

43. Frees us from sin (Rom. 8:2).

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin

and death.” The stronghold of sin is broken through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a new law to follow which bring life rather than death. As an act of the will, students can walk in freedom from impulses, passions, and desires that would lead to sin.

44. [Makes better workmanship \(Exodus 31: 3\).](#)

“And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.”

It was the Spirit that helped Bezaleel to build the tabernacle. The Holy Spirit offers inventive and artistic expression and the ability to appreciate artistic suggestions of others. He gives knowledge of methods and techniques.

45. [Helps drive out demons \(Matt. 12:28\).](#)

“. . . it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons. . .” (NIV) The Holy Spirit provides the power for students to take authority over demonic influences that cause conflict, disharmony, confusion and anguish and demonic forces that tempt them to sin and oppose our efforts to obey God.

## How God Sees a Student

When a child begins to realize that he is “a child of the King”, “joint heirs with Christ”, he begins to catch a vision or an image of what he can become, do or achieve (Hosea 4:6, Prov. 29:18). The child no longer sees himself as an academic failure. He sees himself as God sees him, successful, in dominion over reading, math, science, and social studies. God's Word gives him a new picture of himself. This new picture is based on the confidence of God's Word not just learning theory.

For more information about the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christian educators, see *Spirit-Directed Education: A New Approach to Education*.